

COUNTY CORRESPONDENCE.

NEWSY LETTERS FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENTS.

Items of Interest From all Parts of Sumter and Adjoining Counties.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Mail your letters so that they will reach this office not later than Tuesday morning. When the letters are received Wednesday it is almost an impossibility to have them appear in the paper issued that day.

PISGAH.

Pisgah, Sept. 3.—Uncle Sam has broken our office up and given us a R. F. D., but we have to head our letters as usual, so you can know "tother from which" from your Rembert correspondent. The Rural service went into effect Saturday from Rembert P. O. by here and on in Lee county and back by Smithville and Braun. Mr. J. D. McLeod has the contract.

Cotton picking started today. Indications show that it is a light crop. About the usual price will be paid for picking. People who invested so heavily in guano have a big debt and no profit for their venture, except what is used on corn.

News is rather scarce here and I have to scratch to find something to write. Politics is quiet here. If the people of this State want a man that will make a Governor worth having, they will vote for R. I. Manning. If they want a fence straddler, vote for Ansel.

The defeat of General Youmans, after all he has done for the State, shows a want of appreciation for past services that is not creditable. Lyon did nothing but spend money in his investigation of the dispensary, yet he is puffed up as a Solomon.

The election of General Boyd as Adjutant and Inspector General was right, and an acknowledgment of past services.

Some improvements are going on. Zack Saxton, an industrious and worthy colored man, is building quite a nice house. He shows his intelligence by being a subscriber to your paper.

The chain of prayers from the "Bishop of Illinois," (whoever that important functionary is) is going the rounds of the country. Great calamities will befall you if you don't comply with his request. Very few are paying any attention to his predictions.

Miss Calzey Robinson is visiting her sister, Mrs. Davis at Brogden.

It is amusing to see how hard "Old Granny" and The State try to control the politics of the State. Dawson, at his zenith, never did more.

STATEBURG.

Stateburg, Sept. 3.—Dr. and Mrs. John Johnson, of Charleston are visiting Mrs. R. M. Cantey.

Mrs. Willie Blanding and little Miss Sarah Blanding, of Lexington, Ky., are the guests of Mrs. W. L. Sanders.

Mr. T. S. Brohun, of Asheville, N. C., arrived on Wednesday to visit Messrs. Matt and Henry Moore.

Mrs. James Pinckney and Miss A. N. Moore are at home again after a most delightful stay in Hendersonville, N. C.

Mr. Warren Burgess, who has been visiting his cousin, Mr. Frank Burgess, returned to Sumter on Friday.

Miss Bessie Murray left last evening to visit friends in Hagood.

Mr. Frank P. Burgess, who is to buy cotton for Messrs. Alex Sprunt & Son, left for Manning on Saturday.

Misses Julia Holmes, of Macon, Ga., and Amelia Holmes, of Marion, S. C., are at home for a month's vacation. Their many friends are glad to have them in our midst once more.

Mr. W. H. Barnwell arrived yesterday from Alabama to spend a short vacation with his parents at "The Rectory."

Miss Julia and Anna Burgess returned last Wednesday from Clyde, N. C. where they spent two very delightful weeks.

PRIVATEER.

Privateer, Sept. 3.—Mrs. Alice Neal of Columbus, Ga., is visiting at Mr. H. H. Wells.

Mrs. I. E. Mims, of Elloree, is spending some time at Mr. E. W. Rivers.

Mrs. Muckinuss, of Georgia, is visiting at Mr. G. A. Nettles.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nettles, of Lanes, spent Sunday at Mrs. S. J. Bradfords.

Miss Winnie Rivers is visiting friends and relatives in Columbia.

Dr. R. B. Furman is spending this month at Pawley's Island.

Mr. T. M. Mims, of Silver, spent Monday at Mr. E. W. Rivers.

Master Robert Hall, of Sumter, is at Mrs. L. B. Jenkins.

MAX.

Max, Sept. 10.—Farmers are picking, ginning and selling cotton. Prices are not satisfactory, and the crop below an average.

Mr. J. C. Truluck's children have been recovered.

A Baptist Sunday School was or-

ganized at Beulah last Sunday afternoon.

The Presbyterians of Beulah will soon rebuild their house of worship.

A number of the members of Bethel Sunday School met at Mr. W. D. Truluck's Sunday afternoon to practice singing.

Several boys and girls of this community will leave this week for different colleges and schools.

Miss M. J. Hicks, of Hartsville, is visiting relatives at Beulah.

Miss Maggie Thompson returned yesterday from a pleasant visit to relatives in Timmonsville.

Mr. Wade Langston, of Sardis, and Miss Eva White, of Florence, were married at Bethel parsonage by the pastor recently.

The weather for past several weeks has been excellent.

WEDGEFIELD.

Wedgefield, S. C., Sept. 11.—The cotton around here is opening very fast, and if the present hot weather continues it will soon be picked out in these parts. There is a good deal of complaint from damage from rotten bolls, and deterioration generally.

Mr. Eugene Aycock, after a pleasant stay of several weeks at the Springs, returned home yesterday afternoon.

On Sunday evening at the home of the groom's mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. George Dew, in the presence of a few relatives and friends, Mr. Rufus C. Burress and Miss Carrie Olivia Kilpatrick, of Lynchburg, were united in marriage, Rev. J. C. Bailey, officiating. The contracting parties were attended by Miss Dora Dew and Mr. E. D. Boyett as maid of honor and best man. The bride is the popular daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Kilpatrick, of Lynchburg. The groom is one of our most prosperous young farmers. The bride couple left here on the 9.50 train for Columbia, thence to Asheville and other points.

Messrs. Kenneth McLaurin, John Ryan and Gerald Ryan leave for Clemson College today.

We only polled 48 votes here in the first primary, and as everybody is busy harvesting crops, I doubt if we poll that many today.

Prof. R. H. Willis and family will leave for Inman this week, to the regret of their many friends who hate to see them depart from our midst.

Mr. Earle C. Bradham of Manning has been elected principal of the Wedgefield school for the ensuing term.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Nettles spent Sunday with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Ramsey spent Sunday at Mr. R. S. Whilden's in Sumter.

Mrs. F. E. Thomas is visiting relatives in North Carolina.

MANNING NEWS NOTES.

From the Manning Times.

Mr. P. B. Thames of this place, and who for the past several years has been employed with C. M. Davis & Co., has accepted a position with the Crosswell Grocery Co., of Sumter.

Died suddenly last Friday night at the home of her niece, Mrs. J. C. McClennaghan in Florence, Miss Eliza Billups, aged about 74 years. The body was brought to Manning for interment and the funeral took place Sunday morning in the Manning cemetery.

Died last Wednesday at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Martin Mims, near Silver, Mrs. Emma Briggs, wife of Mrs. H. S. Briggs, aged about 41 years. The deceased leaves three children. Rev. M. A. Conors conducted the funeral at Calvary Church on Thursday.

At Clark's warehouse last Friday Mr. H. D. Gibbons, of New Zion, sold 308 pounds of tobacco and received an average of 22 1-2 cents per pound.

How is that for the Manning tobacco market.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Stensland, the Fugitive Banker Takes Poison in Tangier.

Tangier, Morocco, Sept. 11.—Stensland, the defaulting President of the Milwaukee Avenue State Bank, Chicago, who is under arrest in this city awaiting return to the United States, has attempted suicide by taking poison, and is seriously ill as a result. Twelve guards are now employed to see he has no further chance to attempt to take his own life. If his condition will warrant he will sail for home tomorrow on the Prince Adalbert, under close guard.

The annual convention of Christian Temperance Workers will hold sessions in Orangeburg September 13 to 16.

John R. Lawrence, of Ellingham, Florence county, had his foot so badly cut in a mowing machine Saturday, that amputation was necessary.

The negroes at Ten Mile Hill are reported preparing to exterminate all whites between that point and Summerville. This negro quarter is known as Hell's Half Acre, so what will be the proper words for ordering them back to their homes?

NEWS ITEMS FROM SALEM.

Salem, Sept. 11.—After Tuesday the agony of the past three months will be ended. Some left, some elected. The city of Sumter has gotten nearly all the officials and the county the balance. So they have been divided up in some way, we hope satisfactory. The high season of the past three months is broken, here and one can risk the weather man without going around with an umbrella unless it is to shield him from the sun's rays. The nights are delightful for sleeping, but the sun is fearfully hot. Much chills and fever abound, and when one is missing, the inquiry reveals the fact of a case of fever.

There is some cotton picking going on in places and there are other places where it is nearly all gathered. The yield will be about 50 per cent. of an average crop, with weed enough in some places to make very much more.

Some hay is being mowed and this crop promises an abundant yield.

There is no set price here for cotton picking and everyone seems to be looking out for himself, and letting the other fellows do the same. In most instances fifty cents per hundred is paid by the negro farmers and many whites. The minority left is paying forty cents and keeping up, and in many instances are ahead of their cotton.

The outlook for much trade looks blue until credit opens up, unless the cotton market gets a rise on it. The balance will no doubt be on the wrong side of the ledger this season.

The Bank of Mayesville opened its doors on Tuesday last, to the delight of all, with Mr. Robert Chaffin as bookkeeper and Mr. Cooper, cashier. Already much business has been transacted and as the cotton season advances it grows steadily, keeping two instead of one busy.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Warren, of Sumter, visited relatives here last week.

Mr. R. F. Haynsworth was also a visitor this week.

Messrs. McBride and Warren are fitting up their ginny.

STATEBURG NEWS.

Stateburg, Sept. 11.—Miss Irene Moore, of Statesville, N. C., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. S. R. Flud.

Mr. Early Mellette spent Sunday with his family.

Miss Lottie Nelson returned on Tuesday from Sumter where she had been visiting friends and relatives.

Mr. John Barnwell, of Yorkville, is at home for a few days.

Mrs. Frank McLeod of Florence is on a short visit to her mother, Mrs. S. E. Nelson.

Mrs. Campbell Bissell and children, of Charleston, who for the past several weeks have been the guests of Mrs. R. M. Cantey, returned to their home on last Sunday.

Mr. W. B. Nelson, of Charleston, arrived on Wednesday to spend a few days at his old home. He returned to "The City By the Sea" yesterday and was accompanied by his wife and children, who have been spending the summer here with relatives.

Mrs. Willie B. Blanding and little Miss Sarah Blanding, who have been visiting Mrs. W. L. Saunders, left on Wednesday for Summerton.

Mr. A. M. Lee, of Charleston, spent a few days with his family at "Farm Hill," last week.

TINDAL NEWS NOTES.

Tindal, Sept. 11.—Cotton picking is in full force around here. Hands are plentiful and if the weather remains favorable the most of the crop will be picked out by the first of October. The price of picking is forty cents per hundred.

Mrs. J. W. Broadway is spending a few days at Shiloh.

Misses Olga and Bessie Hodge spent Thursday in Sumter.

Mrs. W. H. Bradham has been sick for some time, but is better.

Miss Beulah Richardson has been on a visit of several days to friends in Manning.

Mr. T. H. Harvin, of Silver, visited in the neighborhood on Thursday.

Mr. J. H. Broadway spent Sunday in Manning.

The new school house at Providence will be completed in a few days.

Mr. H. D. Tindal spent Thursday in Sumter.

Mr. C. M. Witherspoon was in Sumter Thursday.

Mighty as are steam and electricity in the domain of industry, they are but shadows of the mightier power of concentrated thought as expressed in type and spread before the world, says Thomas A. Edison. To let the world know through type who and what and where you are and what you have that this great world wants is the secret of success, and the printing press is the mightiest machine to that end.

Anderson county is exporting lumber to Germany. Charleston dealers advertised for poplar and dog wood and Anderson land owners secured the contract by underbidding.

TWO PULL TOGETHER.

A Live Town and a Live Newspaper Pull Together—One Helps the Other.

The intimate relationship existing between a progressive newspaper and a progressive town or city is nowhere more strikingly exemplified than in Charlotte. The ever increasing activities of this hustling city are attracting attention practically all over the civilized world. Charlotte is known far and wide on account of its manufacturing industries, its large commercial interests, its school and college faculties, its beautiful homes and its historical traditions. Just how largely this favorable publicity is attributable to the energetic work being done by the Charlotte Observer would be difficult to determine. Any one at all familiar with the facts would say without hesitation that The Observer has done and is doing a great work in the way of making known to the world at large the advantages of the city in every department of human effort. With its almost unlimited facilities for getting and arranging the news of the world and with a strong staff of intelligent and alert correspondents throughout the country. The Observer has a way of presenting the facts with regard to the resources and advantages of its city, county, State and section so as to carry conviction and bring desirable citizens with capital and energy to bring about a still greater development of these resources. It is certainly worth a heritage to be in position to thus bring desirable things to pass, and right worthy is the Observer making use of the matchless opportunities by inspiring its large family of readers to a fuller and more conscious understanding of their own accomplishments in the past and their obligations to the future. Surely the relationship between the live town and the live paper is a close one.—Southern Publisher.

NORTH RIVER TUNNEL.

Work Suspended For Final Measurements.

New York, Sept. 5.—At 12 o'clock Saturday night all work on the Pennsylvania tunnels under North river ceased. The engineers today began a thorough "review of the entire work. Every measurement will be verified even down to the thousandth of an inch. Five or six days will be devoted to this work, after which the boring of the enormous tubes will be resumed, and it is expected that about September 18th the tunnel shields which have been pushing forward from the two sides of the river will meet. The Pennsylvania railroad will then have for the first time a means of reaching Manhattan Island entirely over land. This event will also mark the beginning of the completion of what is probably the boldest engineering feat in history.

When work was stopped Saturday night the shields were 125 feet apart. The examination of the next few days will determine how accurate were the preliminary surveys and preparations which extended over a period of a year. It is believed by those in charge of the work that the grade, level, and alignment of both these huge tubes will be found to rest within an inch of where they were supposed to be. If there is even so slight a variation as this, it will be corrected, so that when the shields finally meet under the middle of the river they will telescope as accurately as the sliding of one tube into another.

In order to make this checking as accurate as possible, the south tunnel from the Jersey shore has been run ahead of its mate, so that now it overlaps the northern tunnel starting from the New York shore. Piles will be driven across the fourteen feet that separate the tubes, and angles run which will show how nearly the engineers have kept the line and elevation planned.—New York Tribune.

SUMTER GERMAN CLUB.

The Social Organization Will Again Be Formed.

The Sumter German Club, under whose auspices three elegant balls were given last winter, will again be organized. The success of this club was indeed phenomenal, dancers attended its functions from all portions of the State, and all united in pronouncing the balls as elegant as any ever given in South Carolina.

Those who were instrumental in its formation last year have commenced the work of re-organization. Three Germans will again be given, and it will be the effort of the members of the club to make these events of the season, even more elegant and elaborate than those of last year.

A meeting will soon be held and the membership roll made out. The first German will most likely be given on Thanksgiving night.

A want advertisement in The Daily Item costs but a few cents, but it usually brings dollars worth of results.

SOUTH CAROLINA NEWS.

Items of Interest Condensed and Paraphrased for Quick Reading.

Buck Stone, a negro barber was shot to death in Laurens Wednesday night by some one who fired five shots at him through an open window.

The McGhee cotton waste mill will be converted into a wollen mill January 1st. The necessary machinery has been ordered.

W. W. Prother, white contractor from Augusta, has been arrested in Barnwell for attempted criminal assault on a white woman in Barnwell county.

South Carolina's activity regarding immigration has started Georgia in the same direction. James Strachan, of Dundee, has been appointed agent in Scotland to direct settlers to Georgia. This is the work of the Augusta Board of Trade.

Correspondence is going on between Secretary Taft and Representative Webb, of North Carolina, about the details of the monument to be erected at King's Mountain. This monument will be to Revolutionary soldiers who lived on both sides the North and South Carolina line.

A Mosquito Brief.

The American Mosquito Extermination Society has recently published a brief on the subject of mosquitoes which is worth repeating on account of the practical condensed information given. The card is illustrated with the various phases of the generation of the mosquito as well as of the common and fever-communicating species. It states:

1. There are over one hundred species of mosquitoes in the United States.

2. Mosquitoes breed only in water. They may breed in any kind of quiet water unstocked with destroying fish.

3. Mosquitoes generally require from one to three weeks to develop from eggs to winged insects in warm weather; longer in cold weather. Some female mosquitoes 'three days old lay eggs; the average is greater. Some species lay as many as three or four hundred eggs at once, some lay them singly. Mosquitoes may live several months (as shown by hibernation and otherwise), but probably few live over a month.

4. Mosquitoes do not breed in grass but rank growths of weeds or grass may conceal small breeding puddles, and form a favorite harboring place for adults. The pitcher plant holds sufficient water to breed a rare and small species.

5. Different species of mosquitoes have as well defined habits as different kinds of birds, flies, etc. Some are domestic, some wild, some migratory.

6. Most domestic mosquitoes breed in fresh water, fly short distances, and habitually enter houses.

7. Most migratory mosquitoes breed in salt and brackish marsh areas, and fly long distances. They are not conveyors of malaria.

8. Rigid tests, both direct and eliminative, have proved that certain species of mosquitoes are the only known natural means of transmitting malaria and yellow fever. Some other diseases are known to be conveyed by mosquitoes.

9. Of the domestic varieties, the dangerous malarial mosquitoes (several species of the genus Anopheles) are among the most generally distributed. They seem never to travel far, only a few hundred yards.

10. A most common and dangerous domestic mosquito in the South and the tropics is Stegomyia fasciata, which is the natural conveyor of yellow fever.

11. All mosquitoes are known to bite more than once, as can be seen by observation and is proved by the transmission of disease from an infected person to a new subject.

12. Mosquitoes are a needless and dangerous pest. Their propagation can be largely prevented by such methods of drainage or filling of wet areas, removal, emptying, or screening of water receptacles, spraying standing water with oil where other remedies are impracticable. Attention should be paid to cisterns, house vases, cesspools, road basins, sewers, watering troughs, roof gutters, old tin cans, holes in trees, marshes, swamps, and puddles. As malarial mosquitoes may be bred in clear springs the edges of such places should be kept clean, and they should be stocked with small fish. The breeding and protection of insectivorous birds, such as swallows and martins, should be encouraged. Thorough screening of houses and cisterns is necessary to prevent the spread of malaria or yellow fever. The continued breeding of any kind of mosquitoes, with the attendant menace to public health and to the life and comfort of man and beast, is therefore the result of ignorance or neglect.

The city schools will resume work on the 17th. The Superintendent will be at his office on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of next week for the purpose of examining and classifying pupils.

MASSACRES IN RUSSIA.

Horrible Butchery of Men and Women By Drunken Soldiers—Jews the Principal Sufferers.

Warsaw, Poland, Sept. 10.—News from Siedlce indicate that a massacre has been in progress there since Saturday. It is the first occurring in Russia since the Kishineff horror. Atrocities which beggar description have been committed and the end is not yet in sight. Fighting has been resumed and it is feared there will be terrible loss of life and untold damage to property before order can be restored. Over 300 have been killed and many wounded. Many of the victims are women. Lost of the victims are Jews, although Christians who tried to protect the Hebrews from the fury of the troops, were shot down or bayoneted during the outbreak. Jewish women were made the especial victims of the drunken soldiers, many being assaulted in the open streets. The scenes on the streets were horrible.

HUNTING FILIBUSTERS.

United States Cruiser Sent to Search For Cuban Filibusters.

Washington, Sept. 11.—The cruiser Des Moines, which left Norfolk yesterday afternoon under sealed orders, is believed to be on her way down the coast in search of Cuban Filibusters and incidentally to protect the steamer Maria Herrera, from New York to Havana, loaded with arms and ammunition for the Cuban government. The Des Moines was originally scheduled to go to Santo Domingo.

COURTMARTIAL ORDERED.

Officers of Battleship Alabama Will Be Tried On Account of Accident.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 11.—Secretary of Navy, Bonaparte, this morning formally ordered the court-martial of Capt. Samuel P. Comlay, commanding the battleship Alabama, and Lieutenant Alfred V. Pressley, deck officer of that ship at the time of the recent collision with the Illinois off Newport. The action of Secretary Bonaparte is in accordance with the recommendations of the board of inquiry, which investigated the accident.

Greenville Wants All.

Greenville has or aspires to so many offices that it is hard to enumerate them all off-hand. Yesterday we missed one of the most important that county has—that of one of the railroad commissioners—a place filled by Maj. John Earle. Thus the county will have the adjutant generalship, school superintendency and railroad commissioner. That is surely enough for one county at one time. Greenville ought to be satisfied, but it isn't. It wants, also, the governorship. It is bad policy having all officials from one section, not to mention one county. Our neighboring county, Sumter, has been outside the breast-works for some time. Not since Moise was adjutant general in 1876, as we recall, has it had a State office. It is true other counties have had none, but we mention Sumter because she offers to the people for the governorship one of the best men in the state, however he may be viewed. South Carolina will honor itself by having such a man as governor. So when Sumter gives such a man as Manning she ought by all means have consideration in the distribution of offices. At any rate Greenville has more than her just proportion, and while securing a more equal distribution by electing Manning the state will have a governor in whom it will always be proud; than whom no better man could be selected if we had the whole country to choose from.—Columbia Record.

The State quarantine station on Fort Johnson Reservation has been leased to the Federal government. It will be used as a marine hospital.

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